about 214% more than the Ninth Plan outlay. The Ministry of Power has requested all the States to also step up their outlay for the power sector for the 10th Plan. All identified projects for the 10th Plan are monitored and reviewed at periodic intervals in the Minisry of Power. A National Conference on"Capacity Additon for 10th Plan and Advance Action for 11th Plan" was also organized on 8-9 July, 2002 at New Delhi.

(c) and (d) The capacity addition targets and achievements for the 8th and 9th Plans are given below:

	Targets (MW)	Achievements (MW)
8th Plan	30538	16423
9th Plan	40245	19015

The reasons that adversely affected the progress of project implementation are:

(i) Delay in investment decision/award of contracts.

(ii) Contractual problems.

(iii) Delay in land acquisition and Relief and Rehabilitation (R&R) problems.

(iv) Delayed financial closure of private sector projects due to non-availability of escrow.

Setting up of distribution and sub-transmission subsidiary by PGCIL

2290. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) plans to set up a distribution and sub-transmission subsidiary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to provide specialized services to Indian State Electricity Boards in Power transmission especially to Orissa State Electricity Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATIJAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) have informed that with their wide experience in project formulation, engineering, contracting, project management and operation & maintenance of transmission system, they intend to diversify into the field of intra-state sub-transmission and distribution through 100% owned subsidiary companies. These subsidiary companies would act as nucleus companies for the purpose of carrying out various activities which include establishment of subsidiaries and Joint Venture companies, as may be required from time to time for specific activity or area of operation.

(c) PGCIL has been assisting various States Electricity Boards/ Utilities and Electricity Departments of Union Territories in technical consultancy services as well as in undertaking turnkey projects. PGCIL has provided technical consultancy services to Grid Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (GRIDCO) as sub-consultants to M/s. Merz and McLellan, UK for the Power Sector Reforms Projects in Orissa. The consultancy contract in this regard has expired on March 31,2002. PGCIL has offered to provide consultancy services directly to GRIDCO for completion of the balance portion of the work.

Cost of production of power and expenditure incurred on Supply

†2291.SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the actual cost of production of power and the expenditure incurred on the supply of power to the consumers in the country;

(b) if so, the average cost of production of power in each State in the country and the average of expenditure incurred on the supply of power to the consumer; and

(c) the reasons for difference, if any, in both of these rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) All India weighted average tariff (excepting Independent Power Producers) for coal based stations is

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